



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 24.4

Subject:	Youth Appearance and Dress Code in Juvenile Justice Facilities
Authority:	TCA 37-5-105; 37-5-106
Standards:	ACA: 3-JTS-3D-08, 3-JTS-4B-15; DCS Practice Standards: 8-306
Application:	To All Department of Children's Services Youth Development Center and Group Home Employees

Policy Statement:

Youth Development Center Superintendents and DCS Group Home Supervisors shall outline in the facility youth handbook a dress code for youth that conforms to guidelines set forth in this policy.

Purpose:

To provide guidelines on personal grooming for youth in Youth Development Centers and DCS Group Homes. All regulations concerning personal grooming should be the least restrictive necessary.

Procedures:

A. Dress requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All rules and regulations concerning youth appearance and dress code must be reasonable and restrictive only for the purposes of safety, security, identification and/or hygiene.2. Youth are required to dress neatly in clean clothes. They may wear personal clothing or a combination of personal and facility clothing based upon guidelines of their treatment program.
B. Hair care	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hair care services will be made available to all youth. Youth will not be required to wear a particular hairstyle in a particular manner for purposes of public embarrassment or punishment. Hair must be kept neat and clean at all times.2. Youth who work in food services must wear a hair net or head covering while on duty. Youth who wear their hair below the collar and who are assigned to work near machinery must be required to wear a hair net or a head covering. At their discretion, the YDC Superintendent or DCS Group Home Supervisor may designate other areas requiring the use of a hair net or a head covering.
C. Jewelry	Each facility shall determine what type of jewelry shall be allowed for youth to wear and shall be outlined in the facility youth handbook.

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Forms:	<i>None</i>
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Collateral documents:	<i>None</i>
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